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All,

We have learned that La Plata County would like a briefing for the county commissioners at a work session next Wednesday morning. The meeting will be open to the public, but is not considered a public meeting by the commission. The briefing will be listed on the commission agenda, but we won't be notifying stakeholders. I assume that the local government reporter for the Durango Herald will be covering the meeting, but I don't anticipate other media interest. We propose handling any press inquiries as we did in the ComStrat (attached):

Rebecca Thomas will be the spokesperson for EPA on any media questions. She will respond with the key messages above related to work in the mining district. The reporter will be asked to submit any questions that aren't covered by the talking points in writing, and those will be answered in consultation with an OCPI media officer. All questions related to Gold King Mine will be referred to OPA.

We don't know yet what time the briefing will be scheduled during the work session. If you would like a media officer to attend, there is a chance they could fly in that morning, leave early afternoon and not have to spend the night in Durango. I will keep you posted as I learn more.

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